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September 24, 2007

John Boccio/George Farra California Public Utilities Commission/Angeles National Forest c/o Aspen Environmental Group 30423 Canwood Street, Suite 215 Agoura Hills, CA 91301

RE: Comments on Notice of Preparation – Joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) - Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP)

Dear Mssrs. Boccio and Farra:

On behalf of the City of Irwindale, I would like to express our appreciations to the California Public Utilities Commission and the Angeles National Forest for providing the opportunity to submit comments on the subject matter. The City of Irwindale is most particularly interested in the proposed Segment 7 portion of the TRTP. Further appreciations are extended for permitting further discussion of the TRTP and the scope of impacts to our City at the recent State and Local Government meeting in Downtown Los Angeles and the Public Scoping meeting in Duarte.

The City recognizes that power needs are great throughout the State and the use of renewable sources to fulfill said needs is for the furtherance of desirable environmental quality and to serve the booming customer base. In providing such a service to a growing San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles County, there exists a need for balancing future transmission of power with local economies.

As mentioned during this process, I have raised a number of comments related to quality of life, environmental sensitivity and economic development issues that the City of Irwindale would like maintain discussion with the governing agencies and Southern California Edison as follows:

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- 1. The viability and undertaking of an alternate route by Edison for the TRTP that could effectively fulfill the requirements in meeting the mandate should be disclosed and discussed in the EIR/EIS. The document maps should indicate locations of all existing transmission routes and substations. The document should evaluate as an alternative, the possibility of combining routes (i.e., incorporating Segments 6 and 7 into Segment 11);
- 2. The options of establishing alternative underground lines and/or perimeter locations to fulfill transmission needs yet provide for the opportunities to create viable and developable landscapes that are more aesthetically pleasing should be discussed in the EIR/EIS;
- 3. The effects of the long-term maintenance of intensified transmission lines on potential redevelopment of affected Edisonowned sites that could promote the achievement of the community's long-term economic development and quality of life goals should be discussed in the document, pursuant to Section 15131 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- 4. The effects of the long-term maintenance of intensified transmission lines on the establishment of quality interim land uses within affected Edison-owned sites that would promote the achievement of incidental community short-term economic development and quality of life goals should be discussed in the document, pursuant to Section 15131 of CEQA;
- 5. In an effort to create win-win opportunities, the City of Irwindale and Edison continue to maintain discussions on potential options of land swapping and relocation.

Please continue to keep the City of Irwindale apprized on any other updates on the TRTP. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (626) 430-2207.

Sincerely,

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